

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

* ARIZONA PREPAREDNESS MONTH *

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona are called to action to be prepared for any emergency, large or small; and

WHEREAS, the threat of foreign and domestic terrorism has caused all Americans to re-evaluate their levels of preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona experiences severe weather, floods and wildfires every year, which can cause property damage and threaten the safety of Arizona residents; and

WHEREAS, disasters stress Arizona's resources and have a significant impact on the citizens and commerce of the state; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to be prepared for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools by developing family communication plans and disaster preparedness kits; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and state employees should be prepared to educate others and provide help during and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, residents should familiarize themselves with all emergency resources and agencies available to them including Arizona 2-1-1 Online; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has partnered with the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross, Arizona Citizen Corps Councils, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Department of Administration, the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Arizona Science Center, the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance, the Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and the Area Agency on Aging - Region One, among others, in recognizing the need for a broad public education program about the importance of being prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirty-first day of July in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer

Secretary of State

